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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; CONGRESSMAN LEO J. RYAN (DECEASED) - VICTIM, CONGRESSIONAL ASSASSINATION STATUTE.
RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPES TO THE BUREAU DATED NOVEMBER 21, 1978 AND LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE CALL TO SAN FRANCISCO NOVEMBER 28, 1978 CONCERNING [redacted]

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ON OR ABOUT MAY 23, 1978, WADE AND MABEL MEDLOCK, FORMER PEOPLES TEMPLE (PT) MEMBERS, [redacted] ALLEGING THAT JIM JONES AND JAMES MC ELVANE OF THE PT EXTORTED FROM THEM REAL PROPERTY AMOUNTING TO $135,000 IN MAY 1977. THIS APPEARED TO BE A VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA STATE LAW 487.1 PC AND 519 PC (EXTORTION).
THE MEDLOCKS WERE ACTIVE PT MEMBERS FROM 1971 UNTIL THE SUMMER OF 1977, DONATING 25 AND 50 PERCENT OF THEIR TOTAL NET SALARIES TO THE PT. IN FEBRUARY 1977, THE MEDLOCKS WERE ASKED TO COME TO THE OFFICE OF JIM JONES LOCATED IN THE CHURCH ON ALVARADO STREET IN LOS ANGELES. PRESENT DURING THIS CONFERENCE WERE JONES, HIS TOP AID, MC ELVANE, HUGH FORTSYN, FLORIDA JOHNSON, VEE HOLLINGS, KAY NELSON, RESIDENCE 3650 SOUTH BRONSON, LOS ANGELES, AND ARCHIE JAMES. JONES TOLD THE MEDLOCKS THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO SELL THEIR HOMES AND GIVE THE MONEY TO HIM OR THEY WOULD DIE; HE WOULD KILL THEM. THE MEDLOCKS REFUSED AND JONES AGAIN THREATENED THEM BY SAYING A PT MEMBER WHO DID NOT CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE TEMPLE DIED AS A

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RESULT OF THAT NEGLIGENCE. MR. MEDLOCK STATED HE WAS UNDER EXTREME PRESSURE AT THE TIME AND BECAUSE OF THE THREATS, AGREED TO SELL THEIR PROPERTIES. BOTH PIECES OF PROPERTY WERE SUBSEQUENTLY LISTED BY THE ENOLA M. NELSON REALTY, LOS ANGELES, AND THE LISTING PARTY WAS KAY NELSON, A PT MEMBER WHO WAS PRESENT DURING THE INITIAL CONFERENCE.
[redacted]

AFTER THE SELL, THE MEDLOCKS WERE MOVED BY THE TEMPLE TO THE PT APARTMENT HOUSE AT 1435 ALVARADO TERRACE, APARTMENT 102, WHERE THEY HAD TO PAY $125 A MONTH RENT. [redacted] AS THEY WERE AFRAID MC ELVANE WAS AWARE THAT SAN FRANCISCO ATTORNEY TIM STOEN WAS REPRESENTING THEM IN A LAW SUIT AGAINST JONES AND MC ELVANE.
ACCORDING TO THE MEDLOCKS, JONES OPENLY TOOK CREDIT FOR THE DEATHS OF CHRISTOPHER LEWIS AND JOHN ARCHIE MITCHELL BECAUSE OF THEIR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH PT ORDERS. THE DEATHS OF BOTH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN VERIFIED BY [redacted]

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CHRISTOPHER LEWIS, DATE OF BIRTH SEPTEMBER 24, 1943, WAS MURDERED IN SAN FRANCISCO ON DECEMBER 10, 1977 OUTSIDE OF THE RESIDENCE AT 1447 PALOU AVENUE. JOHN ARCHIE MITCHELL DIED OF "NATURAL CAUSES" ON APRIL 3, 1975.
[redacted] THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE ALSO COERCED BY JONES AND MC ELVANE TO SELL THEIR PROPERTY:
CLAUD AND LOUDIMPLE GOODSPEAD, 8129 SOUTH MARIPOSA, LOS ANGELES, ANNETTE JONES, CURRENT ADDRESS UNKNOWN, PREVIOUSLY OWNED PROPERTY AT 29TH AND ARLINGTON AND IN BALDWIN HILLS, CALIFORNIA, AND MARY ROGERS, 228 WEST 59TH PLACE, LOS ANGELES.
[redacted]

JEANNE MILLS, TRUE NAME DEANNA MIRTLE, 3028 REGENT STREET, BERKELEY - MILLS AND HER HUSBAND, AL, ARE FORMER PT MEMBERS WHO TURNED OVER ALL OF THEIR POSSESSIONS TO THE CHURCH. THEY ARE COOPERATIVE AND CAN FURNISH CONSIDERABLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING BEATINGS ADMINISTERED TO PT MEMBERS. THEY CAN ALSO FURNISH INFORMATION REGARDING PT

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ATTORNEY EUGENE CHAIKEN, SAN FRANCISCO, WHO ALLEGEDLY MADE PT MEMBERS SIGN POWER OF ATTORNEY PAPERS AND BLANK GRANT DEEDS AND NOTARIZED NOTES TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE. THEY CAN ALSO ALLEGEDLY FURNISH INFORMATION REGARDING JONES' STATEMENTS CONCERNING "THE 100 LEFT BEHIND", REFERRING TO PEOPLE HAND PICKED BY JONES AND ASSIGNED TO KILL ALL OF THE "TRAITORS" WHO DEFECTED FROM THE CHURCH. MRS. MILLS ALLEGEDLY PERSONALLY SAW SHIPMENTS OF GUNS BEING PACKED FOR SHIPMENT TO GUYANA.
[redacted] REPORTED A MASS SUICIDE PLOT THAT JONES HAD PT MEMBERS UNDERGO IN GUYANA. SHE DESCRIBED THE INCIDENT BY SAYING JONES HAD EVERYBODY LINE UP AND TAKE A CUP OF BROWNISH-RED LIQUID. JONES LED EVERYONE TO BELIEVE IT WAS

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POISON AND ORDERED THEM TO DRINK IT [redacted]
EVERYONE TOOK PART IN THIS EXERCISE AND FOLLOWED JONES'
ORDERS. [redacted]

[redacted] HAS DONE EXTEN-
SIVE RESEARCH ON THE PT AND IS COOPERATIVE.

[redacted] FORMER PT MEMBER WHO TURNED OVER A CONSIDERABLE
AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TO THE CHURCH. [redacted]

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